

Cawthron Scitec Expo

Encouraging and inspiring future generations of scientists!

The Cawthron Scitec Expo is an annual event for students throughout the Nelson Tasman region. This year is a full expo, meaning it is open to both primary (years 1 – 8) and secondary (years 9-13) students. Our last full expo in 2019 attracted more than 300 entries which were judged over two days by more than 100 volunteer judges.

This year's Expo is being held at Founders Park in Nelson on September 21 (primary expo day) and September 22 (secondary expo day). The prizegiving takes place about a month later.

Why not join our judging team?

Being a judge is hard, but it's worth the effort. You are making a memorable impact on the lives of some very talented young people. Some students' perceptions of you could influence their career choices. As a judge you need to be;

- *Genuinely keen to encourage and inspire the next generation*
- *A trained professional capable of methodically and fairly assessing student projects within the guidelines provided by our lead judges*
- *A sound communicator who can provide thorough feedback – both written and oral - in a constructive and positive manner to primary and/or secondary students.*
- *Available on 21 and/or 22 September from 8.30am – 3.30pm*

What's in it for you?

This is a wonderful opportunity to engage in a community initiative that utilises your professional skills and abilities. As a judge, you will be working alongside the likes of scientists, teachers, environmentalists, engineers, communicators, artists and businesspeople who understand and appreciate the value of science. It's also great way of engaging in professional development. A fully catered lunch is provided to all judges at our expo. And most importantly, it's a chance to encourage and inspire our future generation.

How do you become involved?

Simply [email our event co-ordinator](#) with answers to all the following five questions;

1. *What is your profession and/or areas of scientific interests?*
2. *Are you available to judge primary projects (Sept 21) and/or secondary projects (Sept 22)*
3. *Do you have any previous experience communicating with students and/or assessing their work?*
4. *Do you have any dietary requirements?*
5. *Is there anything else we need to know that might impact on your ability/availability to judge at this year's Scitec Expo*

We'll be back in touch with everyone who has volunteered to judge in September, once we've drafted a judging schedule after entries close on 29 August.

Thank you for your interest!